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St. Lucie County

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**A Monthly Update
of Current Events
and Happenings
within St. Lucie
County**

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Board of County Commissioners Special Meetings & Workshops Scheduled

- The Board of County Commissioners will hold the May Informal Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, May 27 at 2 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Adult Softball Leagues

Registration is underway through the St. Lucie County Parks and Recreation Department for two adult softball leagues starting this summer. Men's Adult USSSA Summer Softball League begins May 27 with games being played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. The cost to participate is \$450 per team – subject to the amount of teams and money that is collected by the May 20 deadline. There is a maximum of 12 teams in the league. This is a USSSA sanctioned league. St. Lucie County Church League Softball begins June 2 with games being played Mondays at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. The cost to participate is \$340 per team. All league fees must be paid by the first scheduled game. USSSA rules will apply. Games for both leagues will be played at the Lawnwood Softball Complex. Registration will be taken at the St. Lucie County Parks and Recreation Division Office, 1302 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Teams are reminded that no alcohol is to be consumed on county property. For more information, please call Steve Strong (772) 462-1520.

Italian Soccer Camps

St. Lucie County's Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for three different Italian Soccer Camps held at various county facilities this June. Designed for ages 8-18, these camps will provide professional soccer training from retired professional soccer players and coaches: Maurizio Verbeni, goalkeeper for SS Lazio, Sporting Club Roma, and Gilberto "Gibo" Rosi, midfielder for the youth program of FC Genoa and Inter Milan FC and presently a coach for the youth program of AC JESOLO (Venice).

- July 14-18 from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., South County Regional Parks, 560 N.W. University Drive, Port St. Lucie. Cost: \$125.
- June 16-20 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Lawnwood Soccer Complex, 1302 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Cost: \$125.
- June 23-27 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Lakewood Park Regional Park, 5990 Emerson Ave., Fort Pierce. Cost: \$175.

The fee includes an "ITALIA-AZZURRI" souvenir t-shirt and certificate of participation. All participants can bring their own lunch or purchase lunch for a fee of \$4 a day. For more information or to register, please call Anthony Allen at (772) 462-1522.

St. Lucie Extension Office, 4-H Offer Summer Camps

The St. Lucie County Cooperative Extension Office, in partnership with 4-H, will host two camps this summer. The X-treme Sports Camp runs June 16-20 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Designed for ages 12-14, the X-treme Sports Camp will feature "adrenaline pumping" activities such as paintball, surfing, swimming, soccer and kayaking. The cost to participate is \$150 per children, and the registration deadline is June 9. The Bug-A-Boo Camp runs July 14-18 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Created for children 8-11, this camp is designed to uncover the world of insects and find the entomologist in your child. With help from real University of Florida entomologists and extension agents, participants will learn about insect orders, characteristics, identification, pinning and labeling. This camp includes kayaking, hiking and an adventure to a major Florida theme park. The cost to participate is \$150 per children, and the registration deadline is July 7. For more information or to register for the 4-H Summer Camps call (772) 462-1660 or e-mail Sharon Lear at sl215cew@ufl.edu. The St. Lucie County Cooperative Extension Office is located at 8400 Picos Road, Fort Pierce.

St. Lucie Parks and Recreation Offering Summer Camps

The St. Lucie County Parks and Recreation Department is offering a variety of summer camps for children ages 5-14 starting June 9.

- D.R.E.A.M. Teen Camp: Maravilla Recreation Center, 2624 Oleander Ave., Fort Pierce. Running June 9 – Aug. 1 from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday), this camp features outdoor games, swimming, community projects and field trips for ages 12-14. The cost is \$55 per week; however, field trips are extra. Participants must bring their own lunches and snacks. To register call (772) 462-1792 or stop by 600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce.
- Fun Shine Kids Camp: Dan McCarty Middle School, 1201 Mississippi Ave., Fort Pierce. Running June 9 – Aug. 15 from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday), this camp features outdoor games, swimming, arts and crafts, field trips, skating, bowling and movies for ages 5-11. The cost is \$55 per week; however, field trips are extra. Participants must bring their own lunches and snacks. To register call (772) 462-1792 or stop by 600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce.
- LPCC Teen Camp: F.K. Sweet Elementary, 1400 Ave. Q, Fort Pierce. Running June 9 – Aug. 1 from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday), this camp features outdoor games, swimming community projects and field trips for ages 12-14. The cost is \$55 per week; however, field trips are extra. Participants must bring their own lunches and snacks. To register call (772) 462-1788 or stop by 1306 Ave. M, Fort Pierce.
- Lincoln Park Kids Camp: Lincoln Park Community Center, 1306 Ave. M, Fort Pierce. Running June 9 – Aug. 15 from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday), this camp features outdoor games, swimming, arts and crafts, field trips, skating, bowling and movies for ages 5-11. The cost is \$55 per week; however, field trips are extra. Participants must bring their own lunches and snacks. To register call (772) 462-1788 or stop by 1306 Ave. M, Fort Pierce.

Graffiti Ordinance and Hotline

The St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners recently established an Anti-Graffiti Ordinance for unincorporated St. Lucie County. In an effort to combat graffiti, the county also created a “hotline” to report graffiti on public or private property. Residents in the unincorporated areas can call (772) 370-2545 to report graffiti that needs to be removed. The unincorporated areas of St. Lucie County include residences and businesses outside the city limits of Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie Village.

St. Lucie County’s Anti-Graffiti Ordinance (No. 07-057):

- Prohibits the sale of graffiti implements (spray paints, markers, etc.) to minors;
- Requires businesses selling graffiti implements to store them in an area continuously observable or in an area inaccessible to the public;
- Provides a reward for information leading to the identification and apprehension of any person applying graffiti;
- States that it is the property owner’s responsibility to remove graffiti and sets out a procedure for enforcement;
- Allows the property owner to appeal to the Code Enforcement Board or apply for county assistance with removal of graffiti;
- Gives St. Lucie County the right of entry onto private property to remove graffiti if the property owner fails to do so within a set period of time.

If you would like to report graffiti on public or private property in the unincorporated areas of St. Lucie County, call the Code Enforcement Hotline at (772) 370-2545.

Upcoming Events at the Oxbow Eco-Center

Guided hikes continue at the Oxbow every Saturday at 10 a.m. Join an Oxbow naturalist as they lead visitors along a series of trails, discussing the plants and wildlife that live in the different habitats along the North Fork of the St. Lucie River.

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